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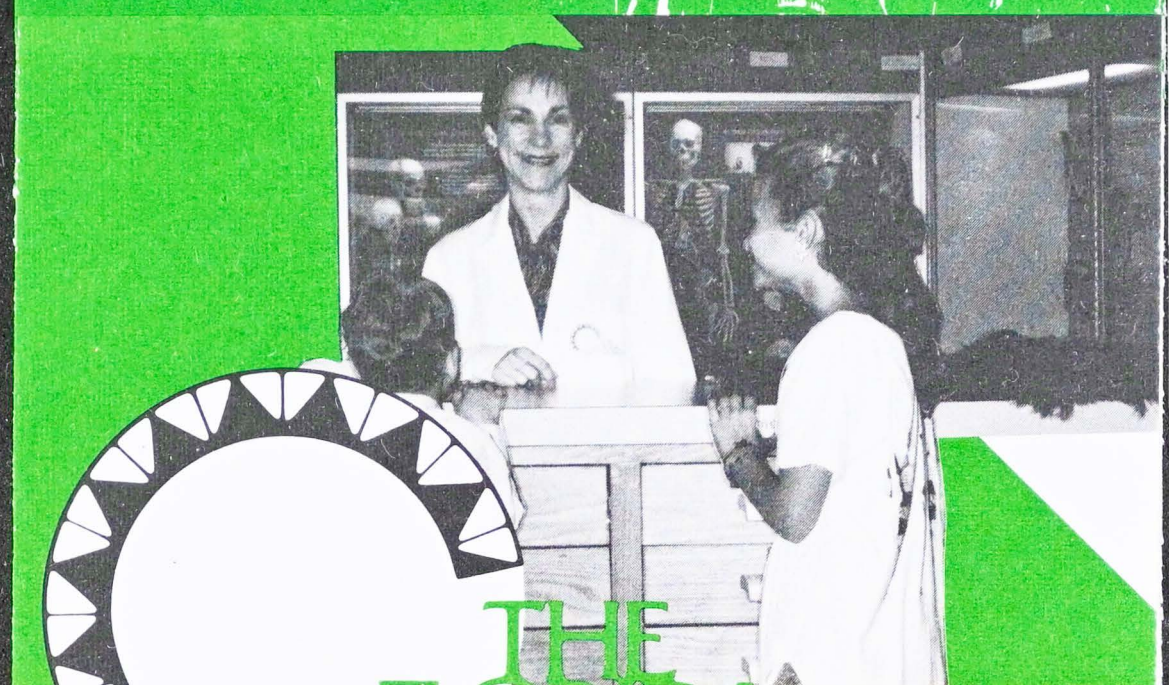
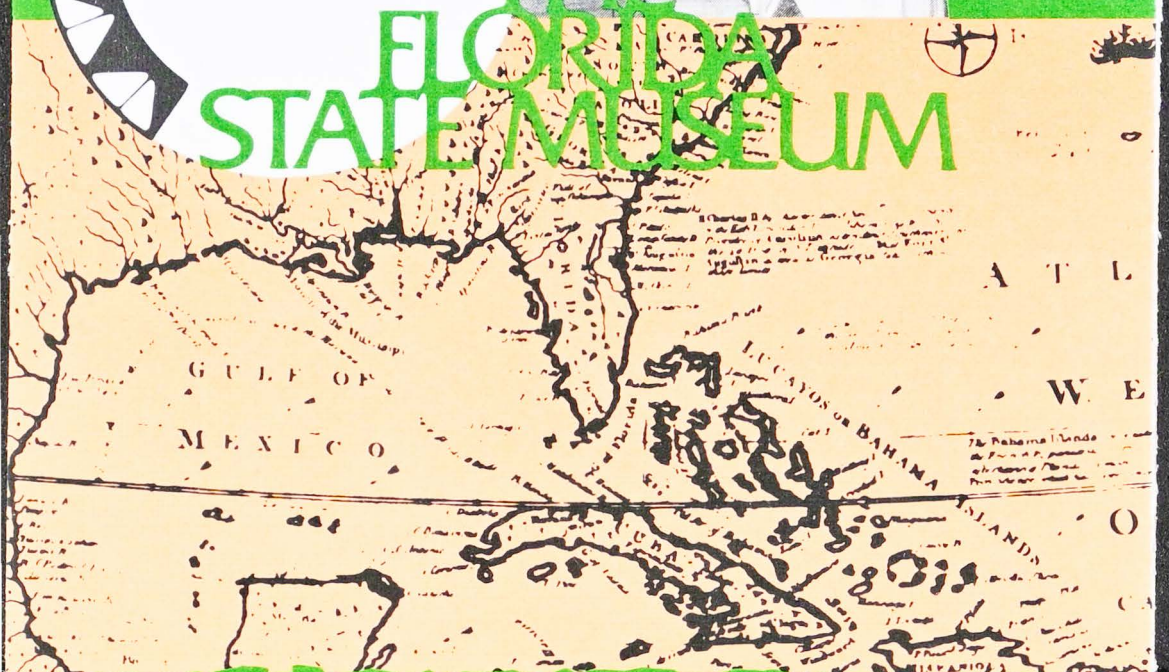
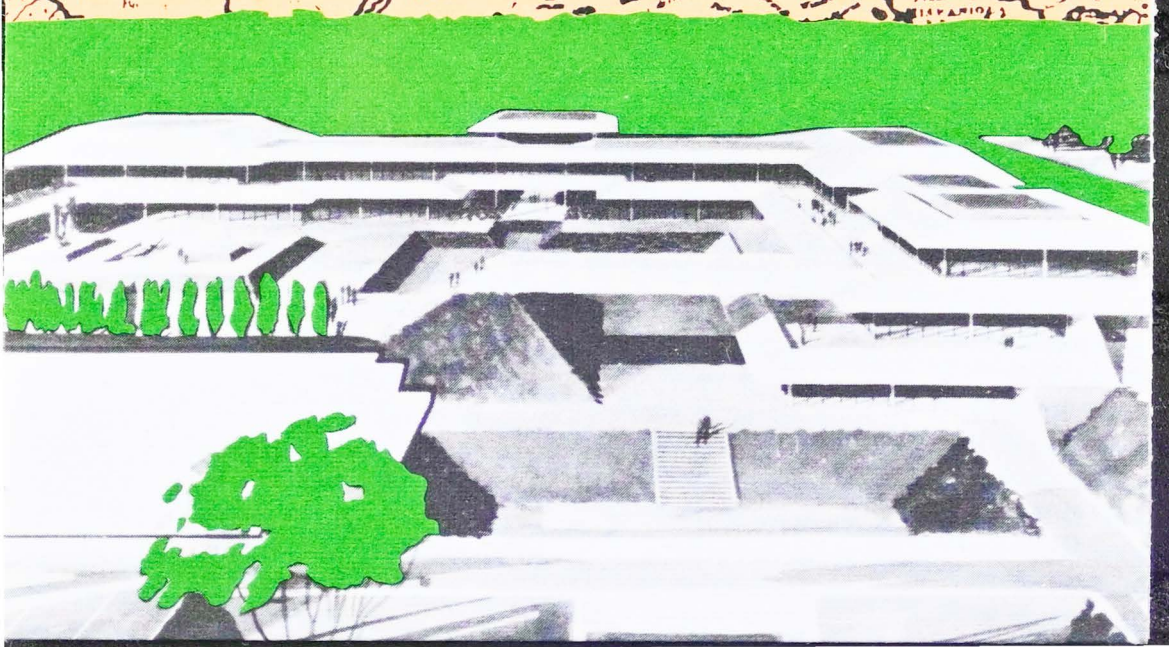
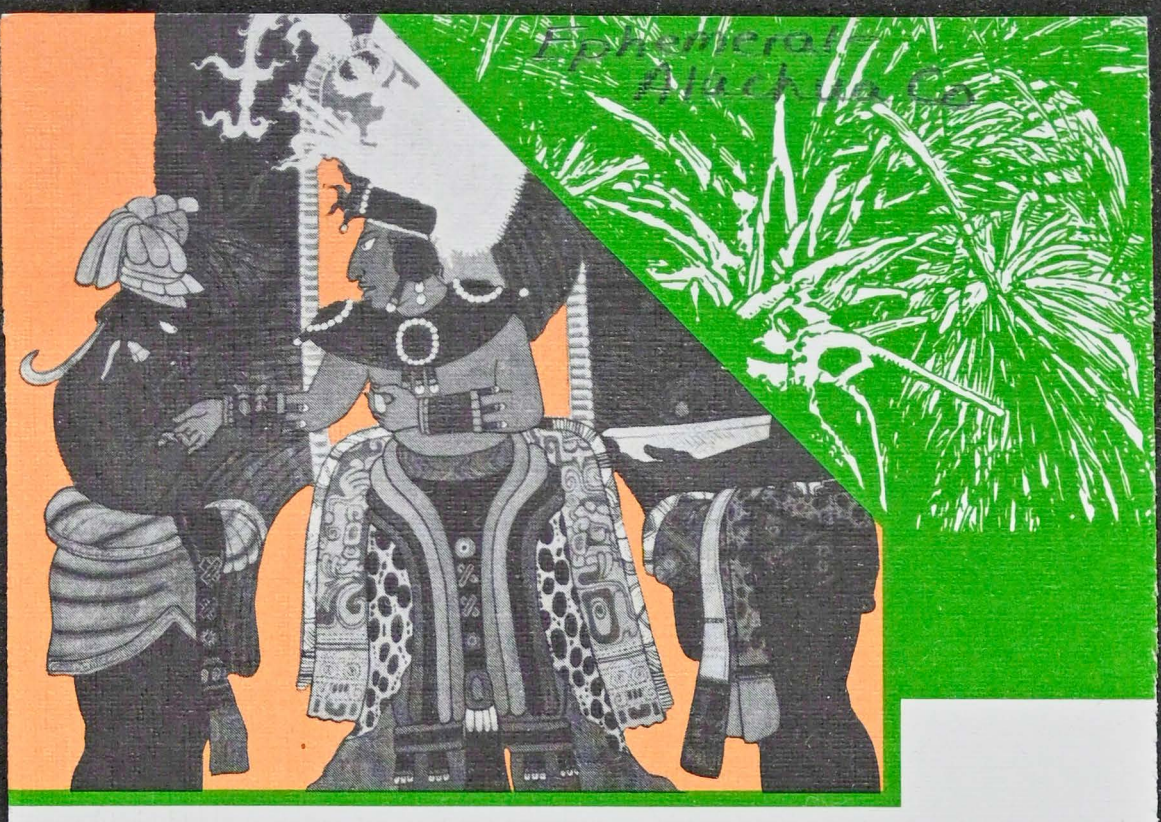


THE FLORIDA STATE MUSEUM



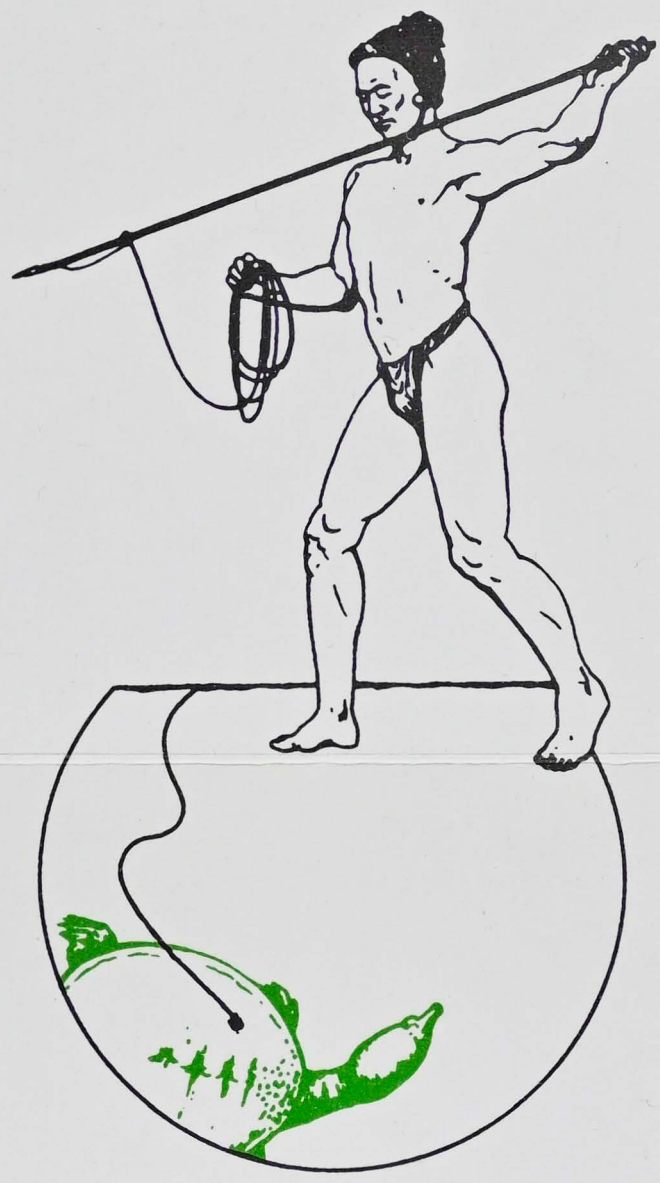


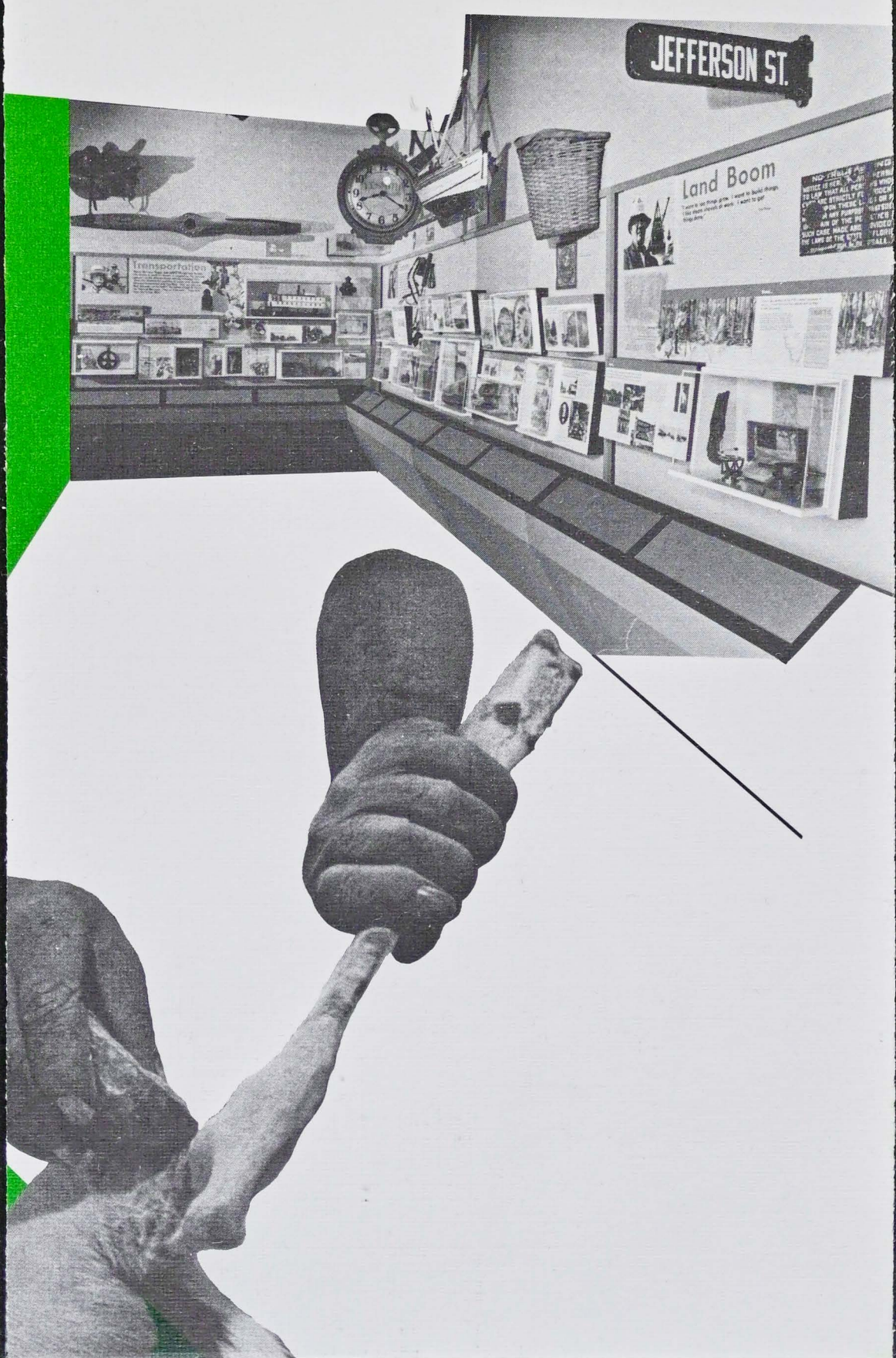
Fossil shark teeth. Komodo dragons. Edible eels. Colorful sea shells. The extensive collections of the Department of Natural Sciences show the diversity of plant and animal life around the world. From Florida to Bolivia, to China and Pakistan, scientists study extinct and living species and their environments. With more knowledge about the past, we can conserve the present for the future.



Indian rugs and baskets. Pottery reconstruction. Human identification. Archaeology digs. Oral history. The collections of the Department of Anthropology provide a systematic record of human habitation in Florida, the Southeast, Central and South America. Researchers have explored Columbus' landing sites in the New World, followed DeSoto's trail through Florida, and uncovered the first free black settlement in North America.

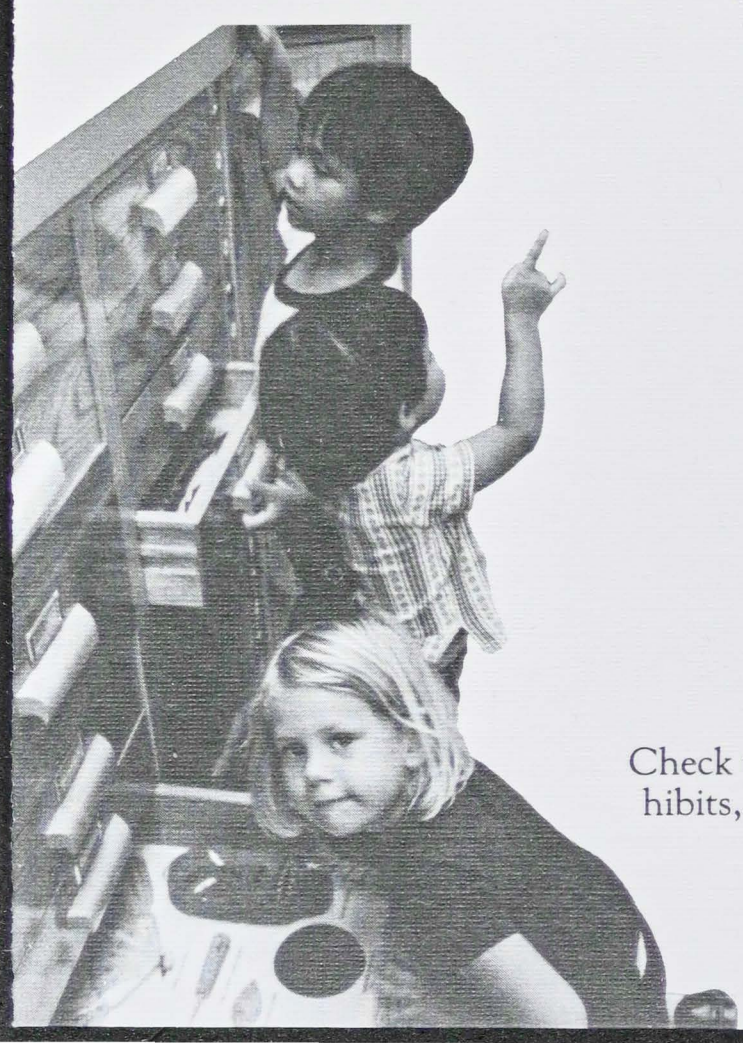
By studying humans of the past, we can understand those of today and in the years to come.



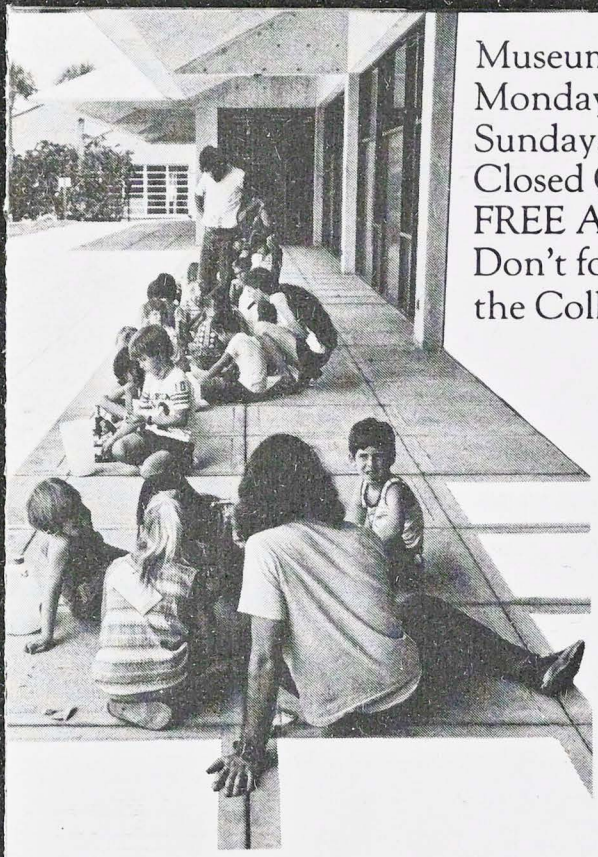


Discover a New World at the Florida State Museum, the largest natural history museum in the South. The museum's biological, fossil and archaeological collections, numbering some seven million specimens, are the foundation for scientific studies as well as exhibits and events free and open to the public.

A giant sloth. Forest creatures. A Maya palace. Research collections come alive in exhibits designed by the Department of Interpretation. The department also offers entertaining public education programs and statewide teacher workshops. Each year trained volunteers guide thousands of school children, senior citizens and visitors with special needs through the museum.



Check the lobby for new exhibits, public programs and museum calendars.



Museum hours:
Monday-Saturday 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Sundays-Holidays 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.
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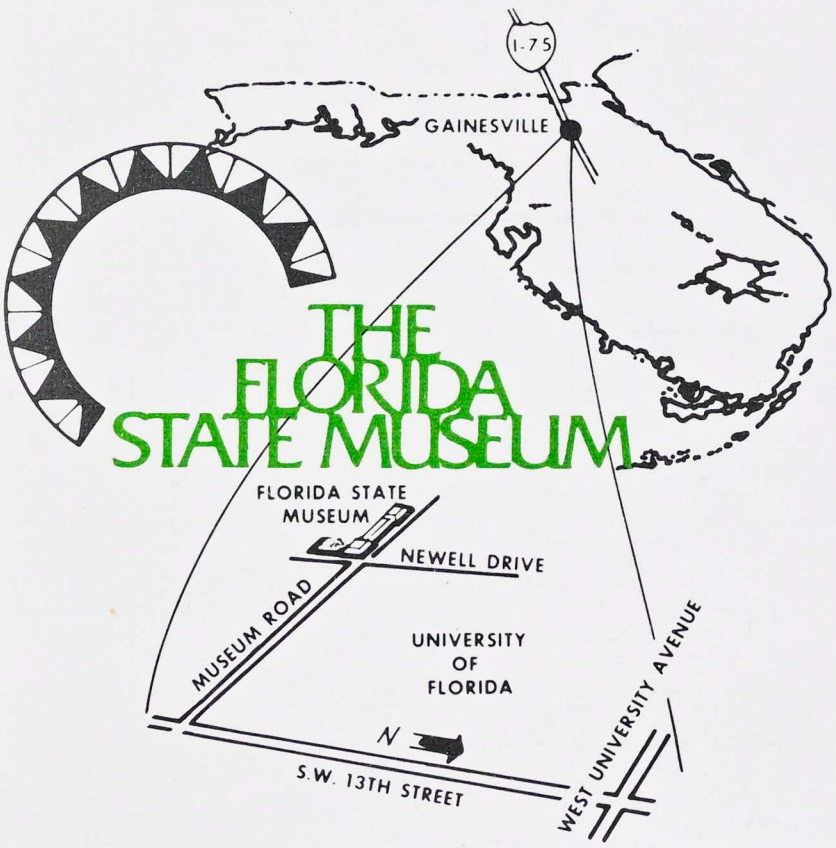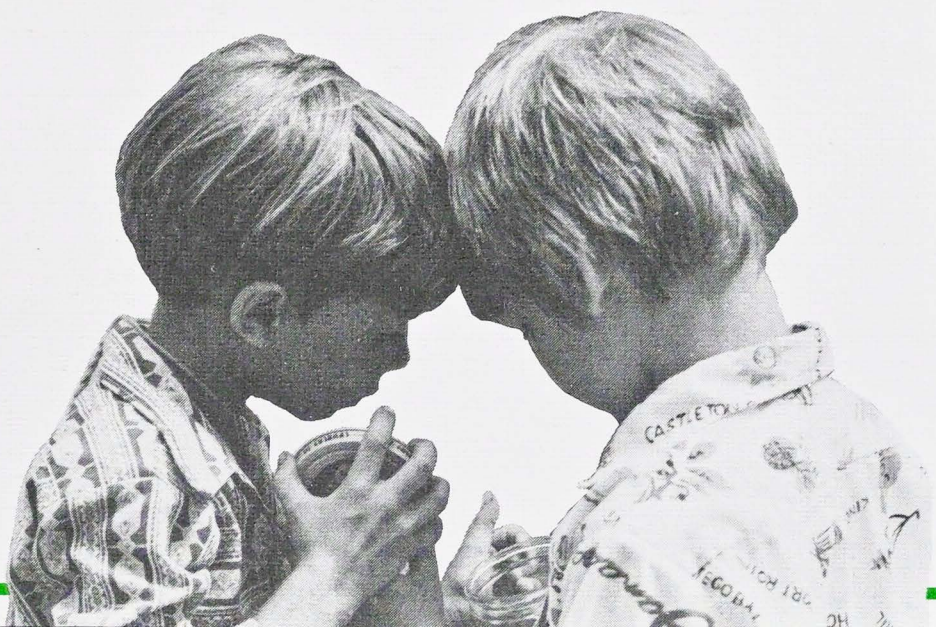
Museum Road, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL 32611. Please call (904) 392-1721 about membership, volunteering and programs.